(c) and (d) Ramagundam STPS has been giving high performance on sustained basis. During the current year (April—November, 2001) the power station has achieved a Plant Load Factor of 82.5%. However, steps have been taken by NTPC to minimize trippings. Also every tripping is analysed as part of Operation & Maintenance system of NTPC and measures as required, are taken to minimize tripping.

Finalising the payment security mechanism of Hirma Project

3136. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the promoters of Hirma power project in Orissa have communicated their concern for the delay on part of Government in finalising an appropriate Payment Security Mechanism (PSM);

(b) what is the schedule date for finalisation of PSM as per the agreement between the project developer and PTC; and

(c) what other documents are required to be completed as per this agreement and the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 3960 MW (net) Hirma Mega Power Project is being developed under a Development Agreement signed between Mirant Asia Pacific Ltd. (formerly M/s. Southern Energy Asia Pacific Ltd.) and M/s. Reliance Power and Power Trading Corporation of India (PTC). The Development Agreement provided specific milestones for completion of various project related activities which are as follows:

Fuel Supply Agreement	—	December 2000
Power Purchase Agreement	—	January 2001
Implementation Agreement	—	February 2001
Payment Security Structure	—	June 2001
Transmission Services Agreement	—	June 2001

A proposal for payment support to Power Trading Corporation for structuring large power projects is under consideration of the Government.

Slippages have occurred in the above schedules on account of the delay in finalisation of the payment support mechanism. While the Fuel Supply Agreement between the promoters and Mahanadi Coalfields Limited is in an advanced stage of finalisation, the revised draft of the Implementation Agreement has been sent to Government of Orissa by the Company. Transmission Service Agreement between the off-taking utilities and Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. would be taken up after techno-economic clearance of the Transmission scheme by Central Electricity Authority.

Additional budgetary sources of public sector power undertakings

†3137. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that targets relating to very essential internal and additional budgetary resources of the public sector power undertakings could not be achieved during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of measures being taken by Government to remove these lapses and to streamline the budgetary managements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) There has been some shortfall in utilisation of the Internal and External Budgetary Resources (IEBR) *vis-a-vis* the budget estimates. Some of the reasons are—delays in some hydel projects on account of factors like geological surprises, contractual problems, local agitations, natural calamities (in the case of hydel project of Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation) delay in sanction of projects, etc. To ensure that IEBR is utilized regular reviews of projects are carried out by the Ministry of Power. The progress of projects is also reviewed in the Quarterly Progress Reviews of the CPSUs.

Proposal of private enterpreneurs for setting up power projects in A.P.

3138. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals have been received from private enterpreneurs for setting up power projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of power expected to be generated therefrom; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.